

c.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (withdrawn) In an electronic device having a processor and a display depicting a plurality of onscreen objects, a repositioning method for automatically moving the onscreen objects, including the steps of:

first, identifying the subset of onscreen objects that are participating in the repositioning method;

determining that a layout change has occurred for one of said onscreen objects in said subset;

determining that said one onscreen object is in an Ensemble;

determining that said one onscreen object is a Domain;

analyzing any internal layout changes for the Domain;

determining qualifying Villeins for the Domain;

temporarily inhibiting the repositioning method for said qualifying Villeins;

analyzing first layout changes for said one onscreen object, determining the Villeins to be moved and moving them;

temporarily inhibiting the repositioning method for the Domain;

determining the Domain(s) to Notify, if any, for this Domain;

allowing each Domain to Notify to perform internal layout changes in response to the domain's final simple external geometry changes;

for each Domain to Notify, calculating second layout changes for said subset of onscreen objects and carrying out said second layout changes;

thereafter returning to said first step and recursively determining new positions for said subset of onscreen objects.

2. (withdrawn) In an electronic device having a processor and a display depicting a plurality of onscreen objects, a method for delivering a mouse click to an onscreen object, including the steps of:

first, generating a list of the subset of onscreen objects that is disposed at the location of the mouse click;

sorting said list by Z order;

analyzing the objects on said list in serial order to determine the first object designated to accept a mouse click and, if it is not a click-through object, delivering the mouse click to said first object;

delivering the mouse click to the last object on said list that is a click-through object if no non-click-through object has been previously found on said list.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) In the method for repositioning text portions by click-and drag inputs of claim 3, further including the step that if the floating cursor is over a paragraph, first change the floating cursor into a vertical arrow shape and store which paragraph it is over.

5. (currently amended) In the method for repositioning text portions by click-and drag inputs of claim 3 7, further including the step that if the floating cursor is over the top of a line, first change the floating cursor into a vertical arrow shape and store which line it is over.

6. (currently amended) In the method for repositioning text portions by click-and drag inputs of claim 3 7, further including the step that if the floating cursor is over the left side of a line, first change the floating cursor into a horizontal arrow shape and store which line it is over.

Claim 7. (new) In an electronic device having a processor and a display depicting a plurality of onscreen objects, a method for repositioning text portions, including the steps of:

floating a mouse cursor over a text object before any mouse click is placed in the text object, and changing the floating mouse cursor into a predetermined cursor shape that indicates a text repositioning function is being carried out;

determining the position of the mouse cursor such that:

if the floating cursor is over a paragraph, the paragraph is moved the same amount as the cursor when a click-and-drag movement of the cursor is delivered to the paragraph;

if the floating cursor is over the top of a line, the line is moved the same amount as the cursor when a click-and-drag movement of the cursor is delivered to the line;

if the floating cursor is over the left side of a line, the individual left indent of said line is adjusted the same amount as the cursor when a click-and-drag movement of the cursor is delivered to the left side of the line.

8 (new) In the method for repositioning text portions by click-and drag inputs of claim 7, further including the initial step of turning off any text edit function to enable said text repositioning function.